

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program 2003 Budget Cut Report

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides financial aid to low income households in order to help them meet their energy needs. The Bush Administration has cut \$300 million dollars out of the 2003 LIHEAP budget, reducing New York State's share by \$38 million. The effects of these cuts will be drastic. Approximately 80,000 fewer New Yorker households than last year will receive aid, while the number of households eligible for the program will likely increase because of this winter's skyrocketing price of heating oil and natural gas.

Below is a county-by-county estimate of the number of LIHEAP recipient households that will no longer receive funding as a result of the Bush Administration budget cuts. These estimates were made by assigning each county a proportion of the statewide cuts based on the county's number of LIHEAP recipients in 2001:

***The Capital Region:** In 2001, 37,889 households in the Capital Region received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Bush Administration budget cuts, 3,987 fewer households in the area will receive funding, lowering the overall number of households that receive LIHEAP funding in 2002 to 33,902.*

County	2001 Recipients	2002 Cuts	2002 Recipients
Albany	9,946	1,047	8,899
Rensselaer	5,372	566	4,806
Schenectady	5,841	614	5,227
Saratoga	4,948	520	4,428
Fulton	3,668	386	3,282
Montgomery	3,189	336	2,853
Schoharie	1,555	164	1,391
Washington	3,370	354	3,016
Capital Region	37,889	3,987	33,902

Central New York: In 2001, 46,795 households in Central New York received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Bush Administration budget cuts, 4,926 fewer households in the area will receive funding, lowering the overall number of households that receive LIHEAP funding in 2002 to 41,869.

County	2001 Recipients	2002 Cuts	2002 Recipients
Oneida	14,729	1,551	13,178
Oswego	6,540	688	5,852
Madison	2,970	313	2,657
Cortland	2,662	280	2,382
Onondaga	19,894	2,094	17,800
Central New York	46,795	4,926	41,869

The Finger Lakes: In 2001, 44,326 households in the Finger Lakes received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Bush Administration budget cuts, 4,838 fewer households in the area will receive funding, lowering the overall number of households that receive LIHEAP funding in 2002 to 39,488.

County	2001 Recipients	2002 Cuts	2002 Recipients
Cayuga	3,573	376	3,197
Seneca	1,231	130	1,101
Yates	1,045	110	935
Ontario	2,930	308	2,622
Wayne	1,735	356	1,379
Monroe	27,629	2,908	24,721
Livingston	2,504	263	2,241
Schuyler	1,000	105	895
Tompkins	2,679	282	2,397
Finger Lakes	44,326	4,838	39,488

***The Hudson Valley:** In 2001, 35,940 households in the Hudson Valley received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Bush Administration budget cuts, 3,784 fewer households in the area will receive funding, lowering the overall number of households that receive LIHEAP funding in 2002 to 32,156.*

County	2001 Recipients	2002 Cuts	2002 Recipients
Westchester	9,537	1,004	8,533
Rockland	3,342	352	2,990
Putnam	495	52	443
Dutchess	3,340	351	2,989
Ulster	4,967	523	4,444
Sullivan	3,024	319	2,705
Orange	6,807	716	6,091
Greene	2,289	241	2,048
Columbia	2,139	226	1,913
Hudson Valley	35,940	3,784	32,156

***The North Country:** In 2001, 31,660 households in the North Country received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Bush Administration budget cuts, 3,333 fewer households in the area will receive funding, lowering the overall number of households that receive LIHEAP funding in 2002 to 28,327.*

County	2001 Recipients	2002 Cuts	2002 Recipients
Warren	3,102	326	2,776
Essex	2,139	226	1,913
Clinton	5,176	545	4,631
Franklin	3,185	336	2,849
Hamilton	232	24	208
St Lawrence	6,170	649	5,521
Herkimer	3,839	404	3,435
Lewis	1,674	176	1,498
Jefferson	6,143	647	5,496
North Country	31,660	3,333	28,327

***The Southern Tier:** In 2001, 31,908 households in the Southern Tier received LIHEAP assistance.*

As a result of the Bush Administration budget cuts, 3,359 fewer households in the area will receive funding, lowering the overall number of households that receive LIHEAP funding in 2002 to 28,549.

County	2001 Recipients	2002 Cuts	2002 Recipients
Delaware	2,548	268	2,280
Otsego	2,535	267	2,268
Chenango	2,972	313	2,659
Broome	7,723	813	6,910
Tioga	2,634	277	2,357
Chemung	3,847	405	3,442
Steuben	6,349	668	5,681
Allegany	3,300	348	2,952
Southern Tier	31,908	3,359	28,549

***Western New York:** In 2001, 89,168 households in Western New York received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Bush Administration budget cuts, 9,385 fewer households in the area will receive funding, lowering the overall number of households that receive LIHEAP funding in 2002 to 79,783.*

County	2001 Recipients	2002 Cuts	2002 Recipients
Orleans	2,172	228	1,944
Genesee	2,445	258	2,187
Wyoming	1,735	182	1,553
Erie	56,446	5,942	50,504
Niagara	10,756	1,133	9,623
Cattaraugus	5,237	550	4,687
Chautauqua	10,377	1,092	9,285
Western New York	89,168	9,385	79,783

New York's Natural Gas vs. Heating Oil Users

***The Capital Region:** There are 212,123 natural gas users and 107,312 heating oil users in the Capital Region.*

County	Natural Gas Users	Heating Oil Users
Albany	80, 854	19, 563
Rensselaer	25, 701	22,000
Schenectady	43, 228	8,755
Saratoga	39, 998	20, 942
Fulton	8, 824	8, 823
Montgomery	9, 181	7, 365
Schoharie	154	7,756
Washington	4,183	12, 108
Capital Region	212,123	107, 312

***Central New York:** There are 228,476 natural gas users and 57,465 heating oil users in Central New York.*

County	Natural Gas Users	Heating Oil Users
Oneida	52, 374	22, 464
Oswego	19,374	10,957
Madison	10,103	8,849
Cortland	9,224	4,411
Onondaga	137,401	10,784
Central New York	228,476	57,465

The Finger Lakes: There are 325,403 natural gas users and 50,931 heating oil users in the Finger Lakes.

County	Natural Gas Users	Heating Oil Users
Cayuga	15,263	7,329
Seneca	5,676	2,740
Yates	2,668	2,333
Ontario	21,897	5,881
Wayne	18,156	7,483
Monroe	230,558	12,273
Livingston	10,400	4,572
Schuyler	1,571	2,624
Tompkins	19,214	5,696
Finger Lakes	325,403	50,931

The Hudson Valley: There are 311,191 natural gas users and 381,591 heating oil users in the Hudson Valley.

County	Natural Gas Users	Heating Oil Users
Westchester	140,518	158,438
Rockland	82,333	2,956
Putnam	1,062	22,653
Dutchess	21,259	61,351
Ulster	10,510	42,362
Sullivan	381	18,636
Orange	51,420	46,430
Greene	933	12,780
Columbia	2,775	15,985
Hudson Valley	311,191	381,591

The North Country: There are 51,584 natural gas users and 95, 913 heating oil users in the North Country

County	Natural Gas Users	Heating Oil Users
Warren	10,343	9,307
Essex	63	10,435
Clinton	592	17,246
Franklin	129	12,729
Hamilton	2	1,423
St Lawrence	12,693	17,922
Herkimer	11,024	9,476
Lewis	267	5,827
Jefferson	16,471	11,548
North Country	51,584	95,913

The Southern Tier: There are 125,821 natural gas users and 57,239 heating oil users in the Southern Tier.

County	Natural Gas Users	Heating Oil Users
Delaware	1,905	1,219
Otsego	3,393	12,652
Chenango	3,041	10,405
Broome	53,678	13,582
Tioga	5,519	8,467
Chemung	26,366	3,107
Steuben	21,489	5,574
Allegany	10,430	2,233
Southern Tier	125,821	57,239

Western New York: There are 494,716 natural gas users and 35,062 heating oil users in Western New York.

County	Natural Gas Users	Heating Oil Users
Orleans	6,345	4,445
Genesee	13,098	4,379
Wyoming	7,329	2,555
Erie	343,172	7,841
Niagara	67,198	9,317
Cattaraugus	17,929	4,165
Chautauqua	39,645	2,360
Western New York	494,716	35,062